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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An aesthetically pleasing bib comprising:
 - a) a front member that substantially covers the wearer's front torso with an upper portion that covers said wearer's chest and a lower portion that covers said wearer's lap; ~~and shoulders which is similar in appearance to the front portion of a normal shirt or blouse;~~
 - b) a shoulder covering member connected to said front member that substantially covers said wearer's shoulders and upper back by extending from said wearer's neck before terminating below said wearer's shoulder blades;
 - c) at least one pocket element located along the a bottom edge of said lower portion; ~~front member; and~~
 - d) a decorative pocket attached to said upper portion;
 - e) a series of buttons attached to both said upper portion and said lower portion; and
 - f) a collar member located on said upper portion that surrounds said wearer's neck;
 - g) wherein said decorative pocket, series of buttons, and collar member enable said bib to resemble a shirt.
- ~~d) a decorative indicia attached to said front member which further allows said aesthetically pleasing bib to resemble a normal article of clothing.~~

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2. (currently amended) The aesthetically pleasing bib of claim 1 further comprising attachment means connected to said shoulder covering member to secure said bib around the wearer's neck.

3. (original) The aesthetically pleasing bib of claim 2 wherein said attachment means is a hook and loop fastener.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) An aesthetically pleasing bib comprising:

a) a front member ~~which is similar in appearance to a normal shirt or blouse~~ that substantially covers a wearer's upper front torso which defines a an upper portion near said wearer's neck and a lower portion near said wearer's waist that covers said wearer's front torso and lap, shoulders, and upper back;

b) a shoulder covering member connected to said front member that drapes over said wearer's shoulders and upper back to cover said wearer's shoulders and upper back but not said wearer's lower back;

bc) at least one pocket element located along the bottom edge of said front member ~~along said bottom portion of said front member~~;

ed) a collar member attached to said upper portion of said front member; and

de) at least one decorative member attached to said front member allowing said aesthetically pleasing bib to further resemble the appearance of a normal article of clothing.

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6. (original) The aesthetically pleasing bib of claim 5 wherein said decorative member is a breast pocket located on the upper portion of said front member.

7. (currently amended) The aesthetically pleasing bib of claim ~~5 wherein said decorative member is~~ 6 further including a set of shirt buttons to function as another decorative member ~~button~~ located on said front member.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) An aesthetically pleasing bib comprising:

a) a front member extending from a wearer's neck line to below said wearer's ~~their~~ waist which defines a an upper portion and a lower portion respectively that covers the wearer's front torso, and covers said wearer's shoulders, lap and upper back;

b) at least one pocket element located on the bottom edge of said front member ~~along said bottom portion of said front member~~;

c) a collar member attached to said upper portion of said front member;

d) a breast pocket attached to said upper portion of said front member below said collar member;

e) a fastening member to attach said bib around the neck of said wearer; and

f) a plurality of button members placed in spaced intervals and extending from said bottom portion to said upper portion of said front member.

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10. (currently amended) The aesthetically pleasing bib of claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein said front member is constructed from a cloth material.

11. (original) The aesthetically pleasing bib of claim 10 wherein said fastening member is a hook and loop fastener.

12. (currently amended) A method of protecting clothing from becoming soiled while consuming meals comprising the steps of:

- a) providing an aesthetically pleasing bib comprising:
 - i) a front member which substantially covers the wearer's front torso with an upper portion that covers said wearer's chest and a lower portion that covers said wearer's lap;
 - ii) a shoulder covering member connected to said front member that substantially covers said wearer's shoulders and upper back by extending from said wearer's neck before terminating below said wearer's shoulder blades;
 - iii) at least one pocket element located along a bottom edge of said lower portion;
 - iv) a decorative pocket attached to said upper portion;
 - v) a series of buttons attached to both said upper portion and said lower portion; and
 - vi) a collar member located on said upper portion that surrounds said wearer's neck;
 - vi) wherein said decorative pocket, series of buttons, and collar member enable said bib to resemble a shirt; and
- b) placing said aesthetically pleasing bib ~~bib~~ around the neck of a person before said person consumes a meal.
 - a) ~~providing a bib which is designed to cover a wearer's front torso, shoulders, and upper back;~~

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~~_____ b) decorating said bib with indicia to allow said bib to resemble the likeness of a normal article of clothing, and~~

13. (cancelled)